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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Synchronizing the Coding and  
Decoding of Information in an  
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Respectfully submitted,

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